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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Sunday, February 17, 2019

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Summary of the Upcoming Week



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Today

- Elevated fire weather conditions for **S NM** into **W TX**

Monday - Tuesday

- Widespread moderate to heavy accumulating snow/blowing snow with travel impacts across much of northern **NM**, including the **I-25** corridor
- Light snow possible for portions of the **TX/OK** Panhandles on Monday with light snow/freezing rain spreading into **OK**, **NW**/west-central **TX**, and **N AR** by Tuesday
- Heavy rain/flash flooding possible for **E AR** into **NE LA** Tuesday
- Isolated severe storms possible for **LA** into extreme **SE AR** Tuesday night

Wednesday - Thursday

- No significant weather impacts

River Flooding

- Moderate flooding continues along the **MS River** in **AR**. **Osceola (NE AR)** expected to reach major flood by **Wednesday**.
 - Some evacuations may be needed once it reaches major flood.
- **Cache and White Rivers** in **NE AR** at moderate flood stage, most points are receding.
 - **Cache River** at **Patterson** is expected to slightly rise again and reach major flood stage by late week, with some state highways flooding.

FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Feb 17, 2019 – Feb 21, 2019



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DAY / THREAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU
Severe Storms			LA/SE AR		
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding			E AR/NE LA		
Winter Weather		N NM TX/OK Panhandles	N NM OK, TX Panhandle, NW&W-Central TX/ N AR		
Fire Weather	S NM/WTX	S NM/WTX			
River Flooding	NE AR	NE AR	NE AR	NE AR	NE AR

	No Weather Threats Expected
	Very Common – Happens Often
	Common – Happens Frequently
	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
	Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

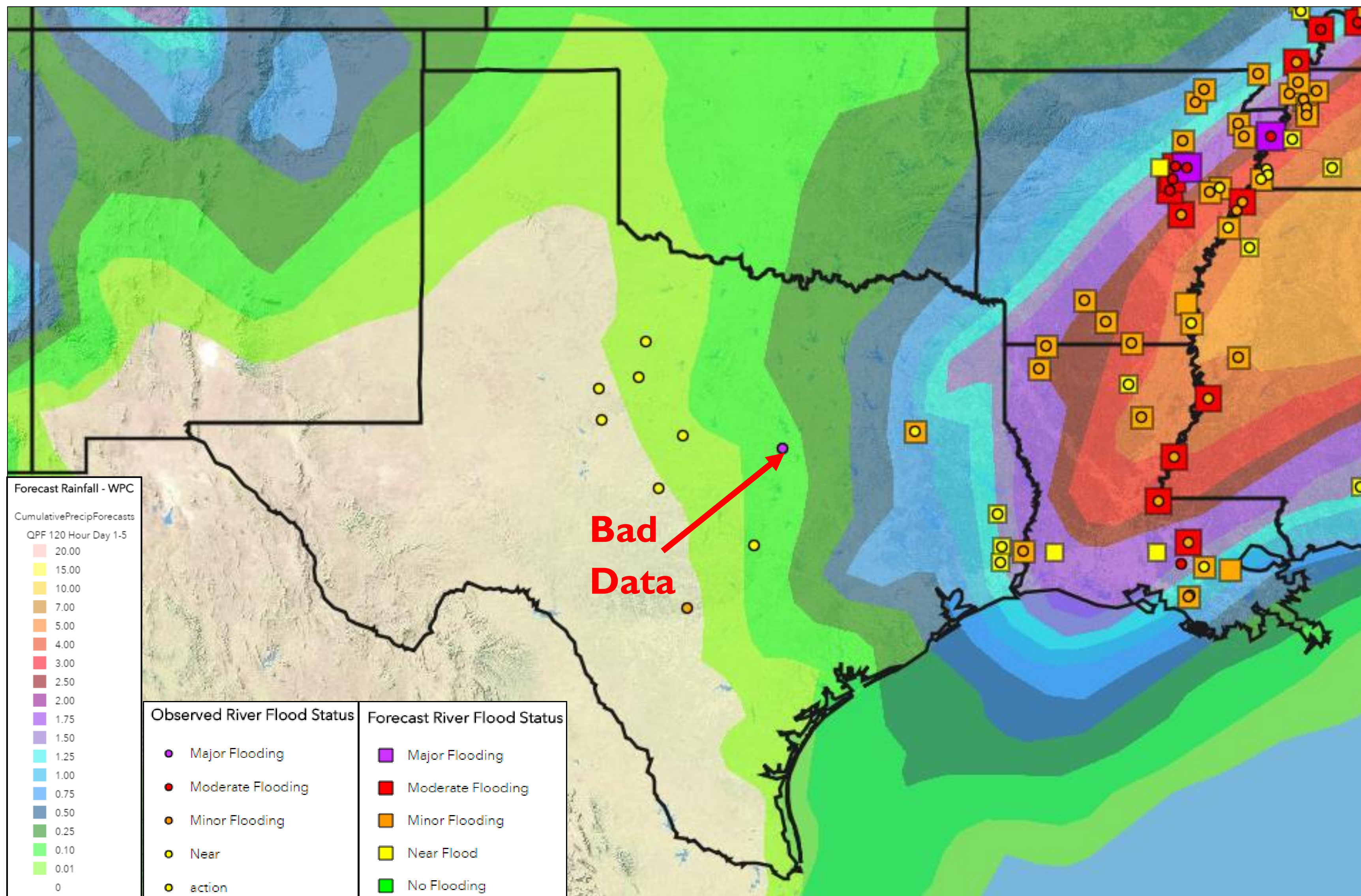
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5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status



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Note: Even though the image displays 5 days of forecasted rainfall, river forecasts only include 1-2 days of rainfall



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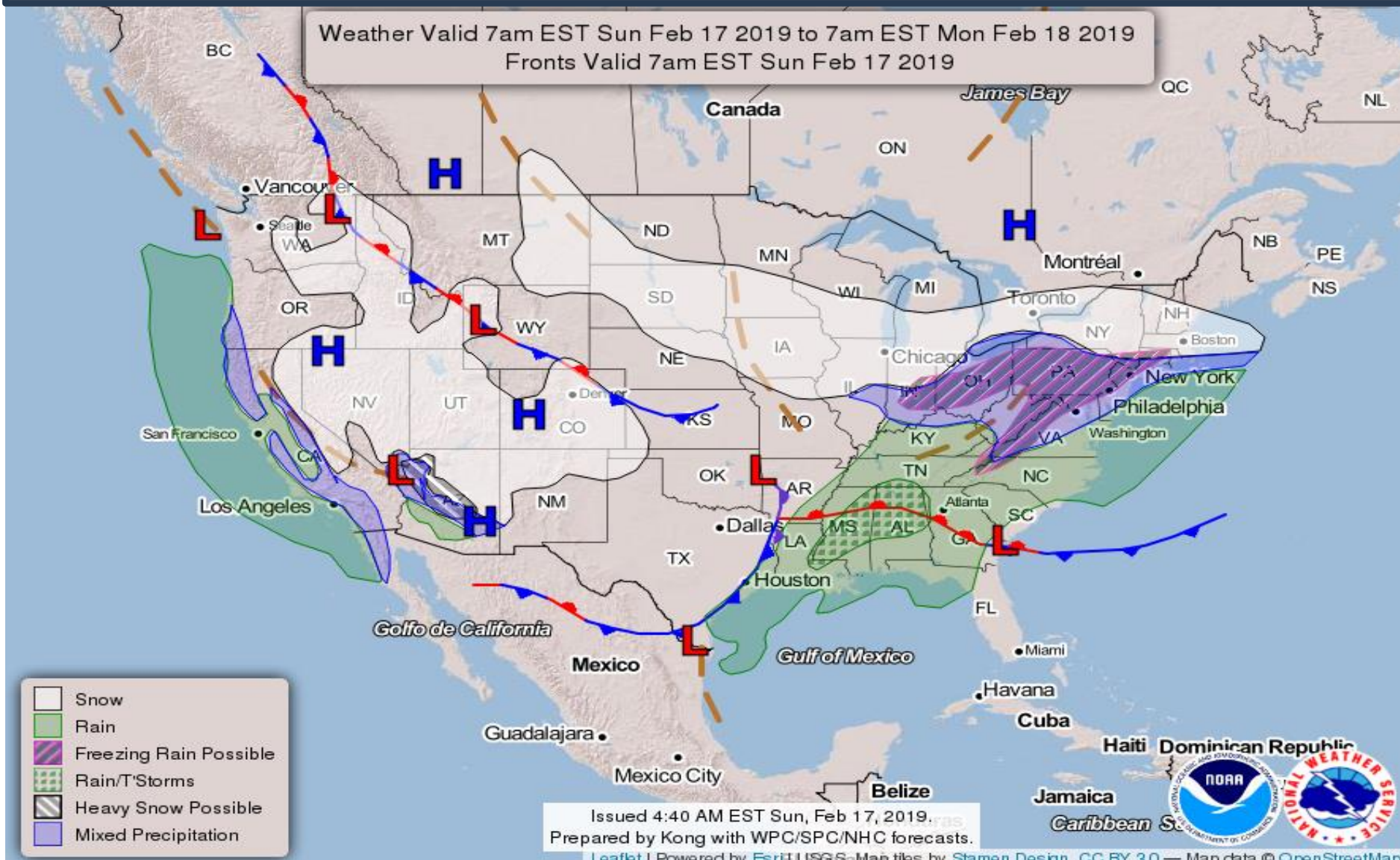
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Today's Weather

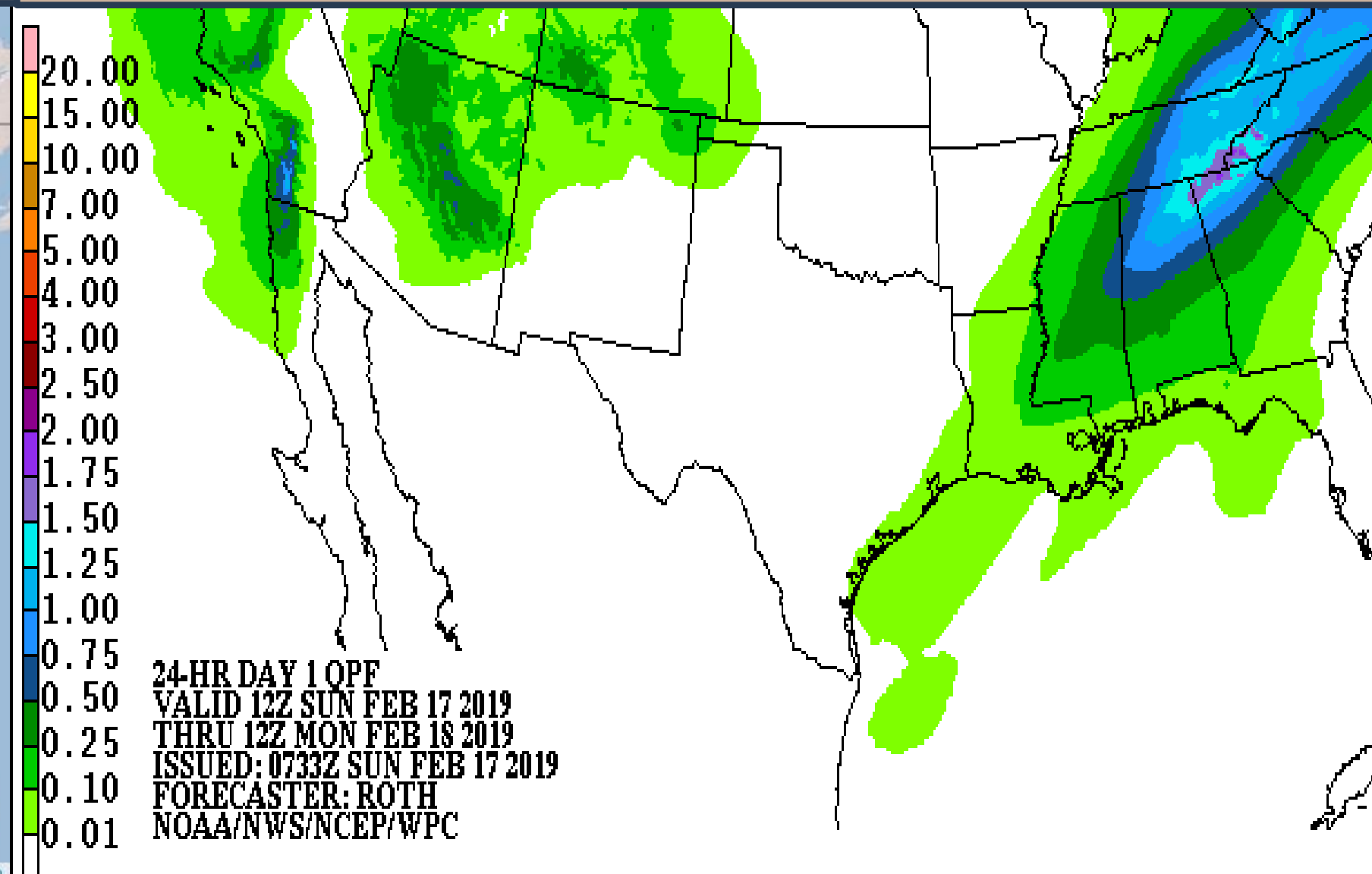


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Forecast Chart

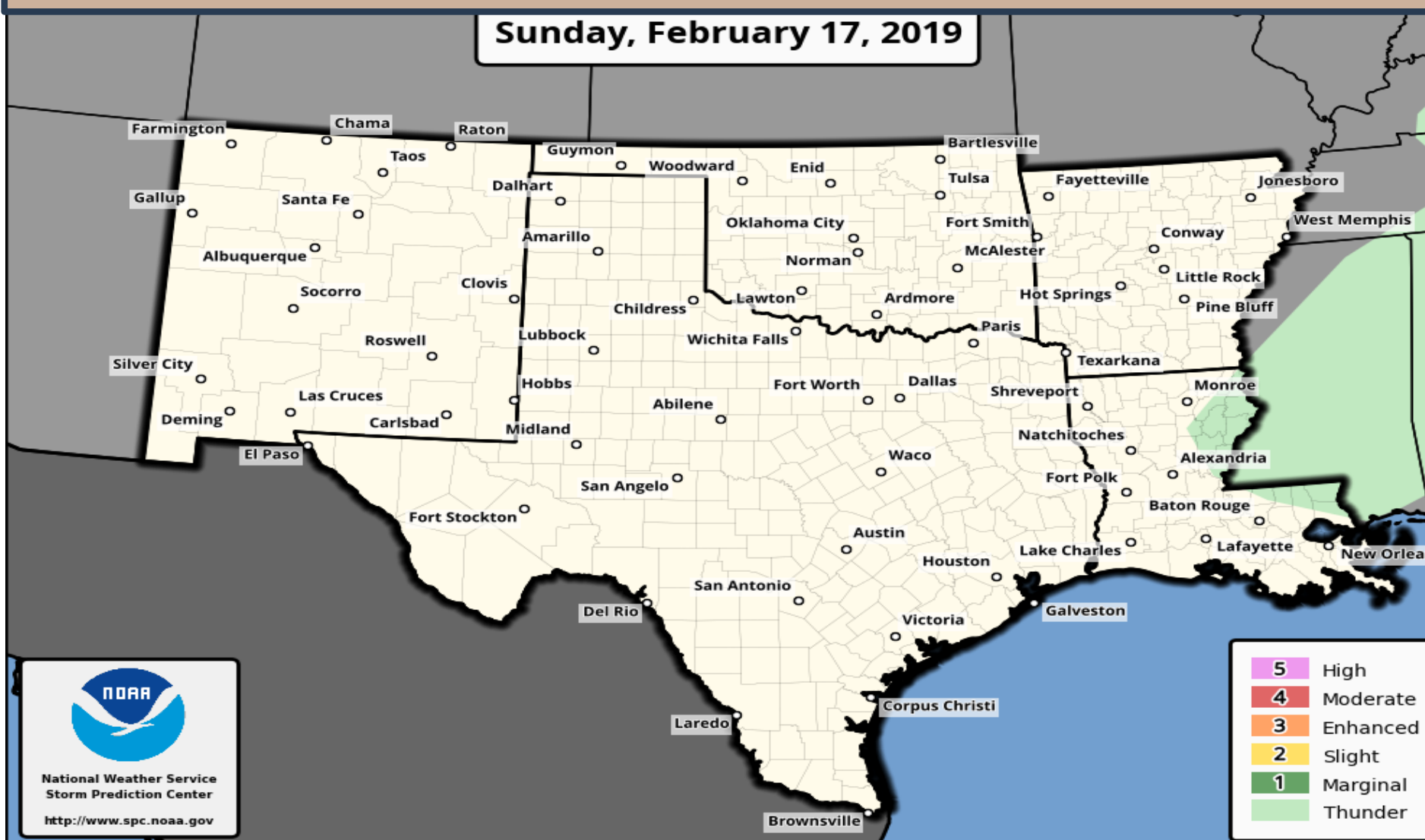


Forecast Rainfall



**Elevated fire weather
conditions for S NM into
WTX.**

Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook

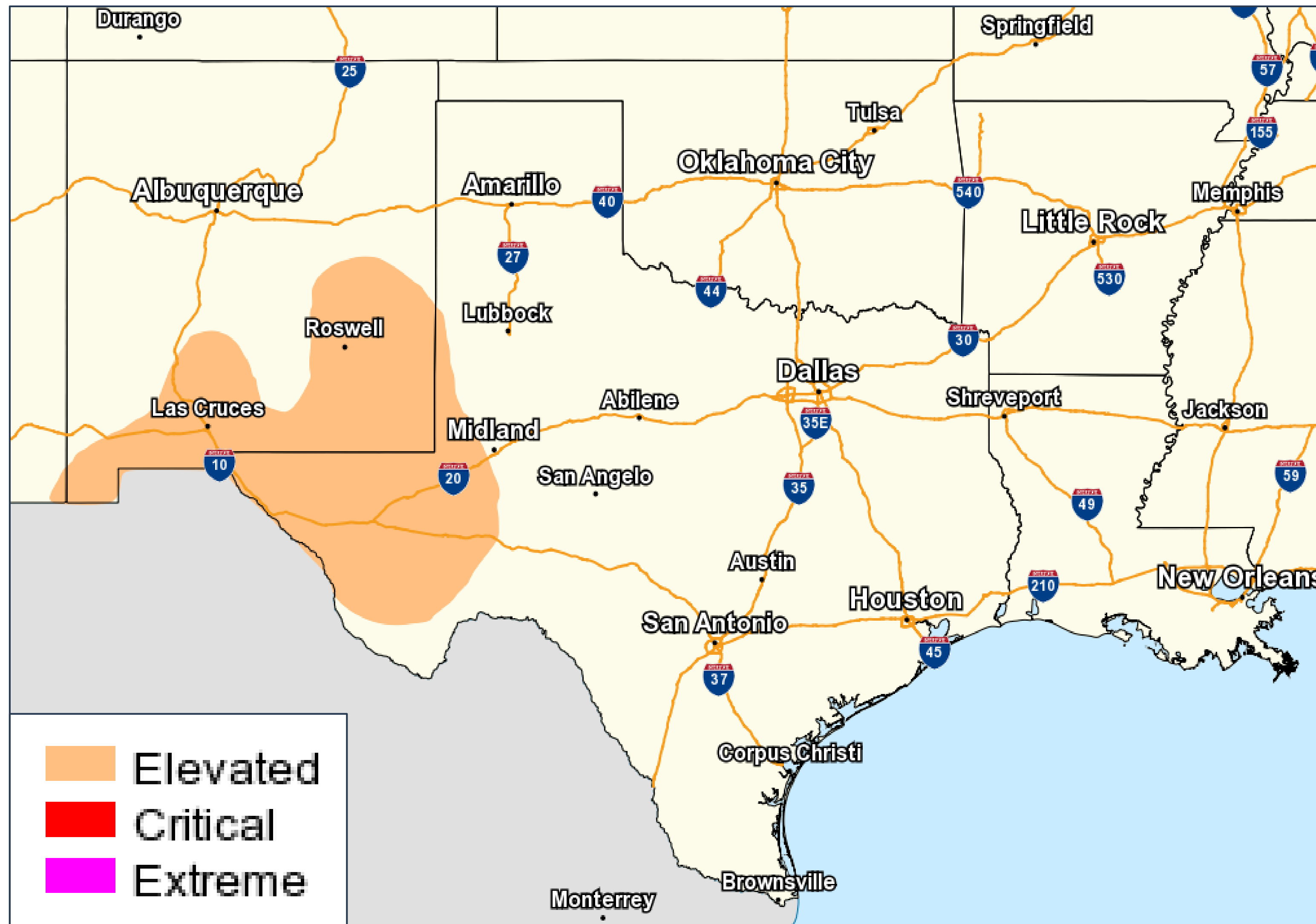


Today's Fire Weather Outlook



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**Elevated fire weather conditions for S NM
into W TX.**



Tomorrow's Weather



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Forecast Chart

Forecast Rainfall

Widespread moderate to heavy accumulating snow/blowing snow with travel impacts across much of northern NM, including the I-25 corridor.

Light snow with travel impacts possible for portions of the TX/OK Panhandles.

Severe Weather Outlook

Excessive Rainfall Outlook

Monday, February 18, 2019

Marginal
Slight
Moderate
High

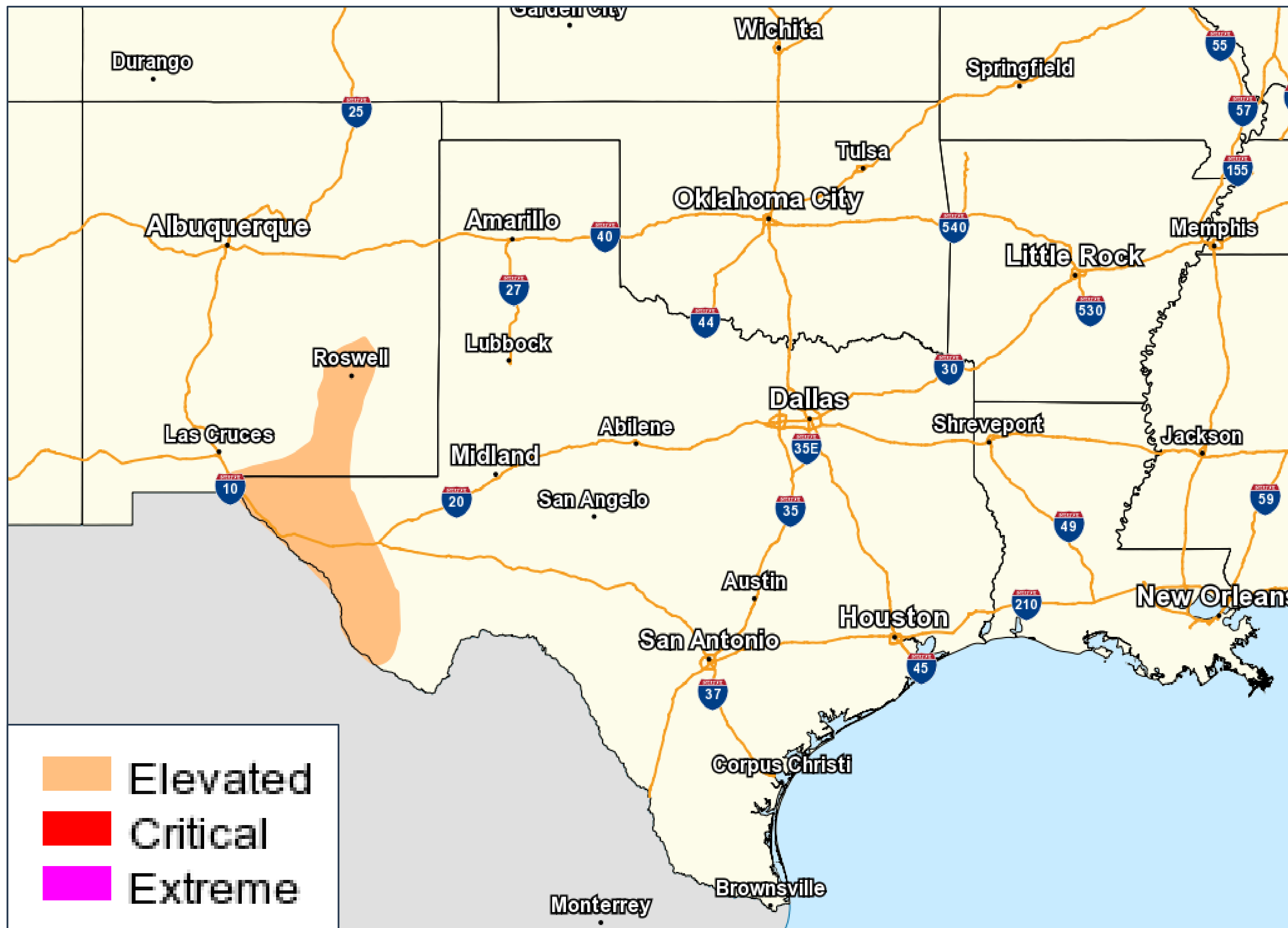
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4 Moderate
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Tomorrow's Fire Weather Outlook



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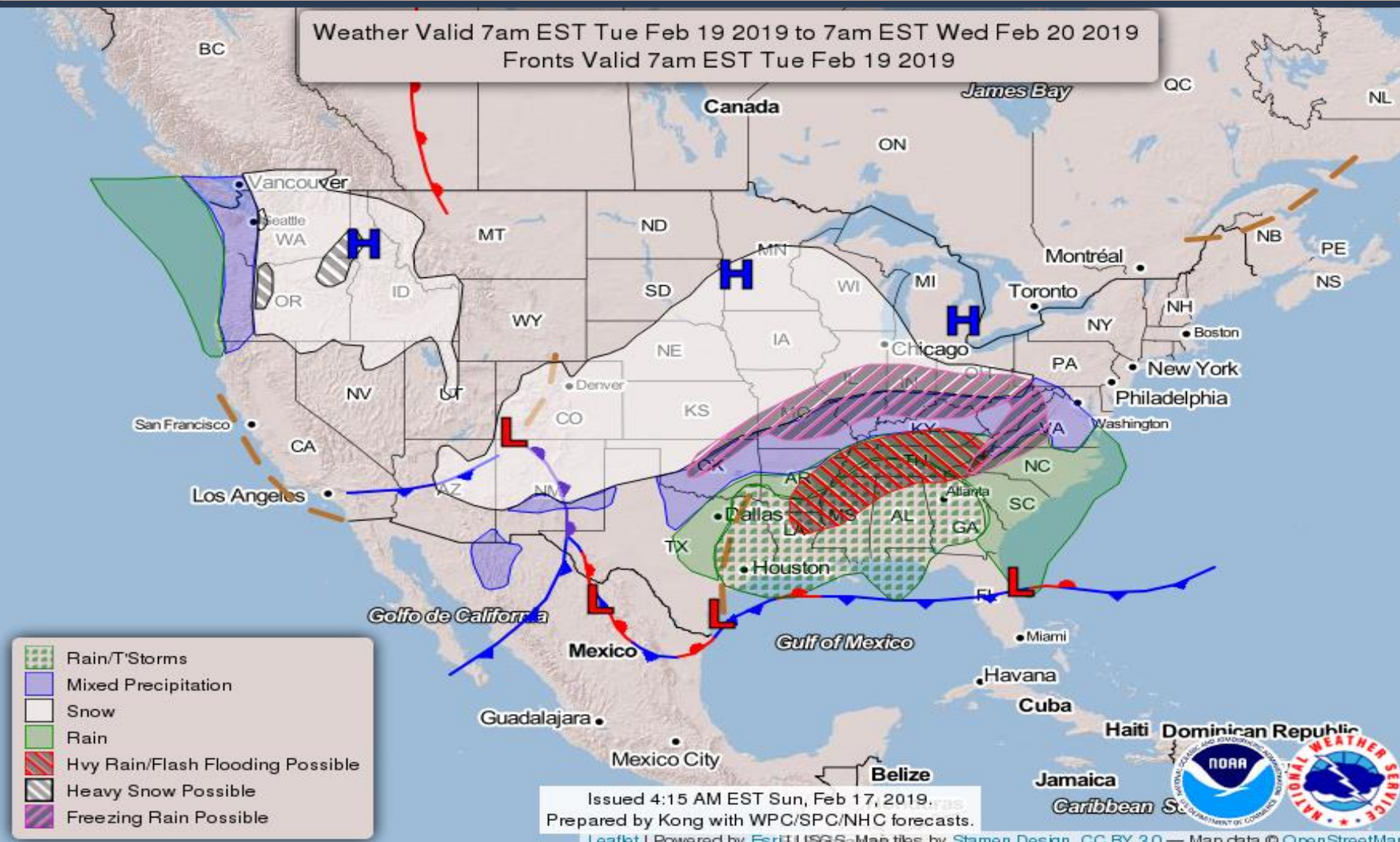
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Tuesday's Weather

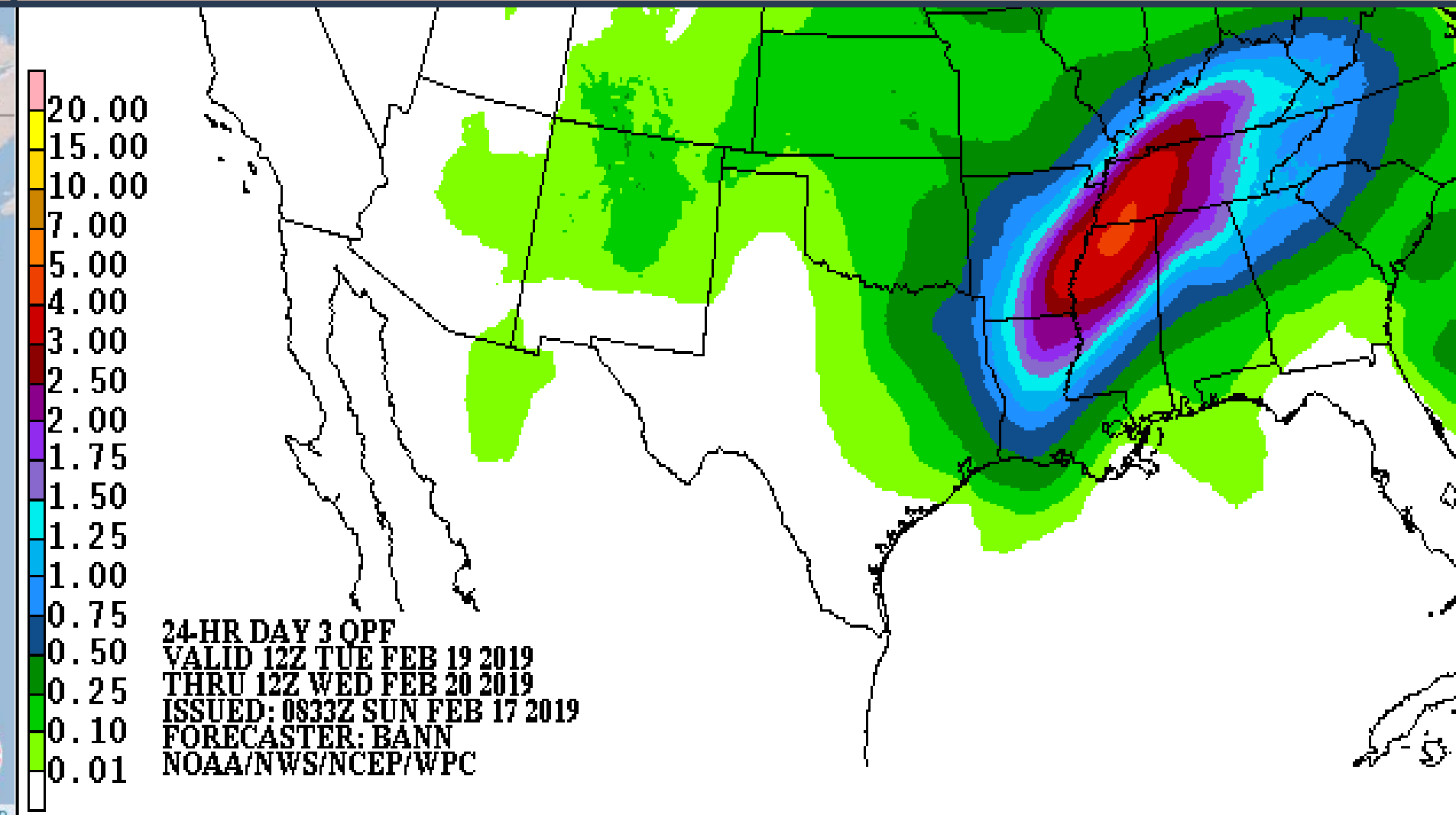


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Forecast Chart



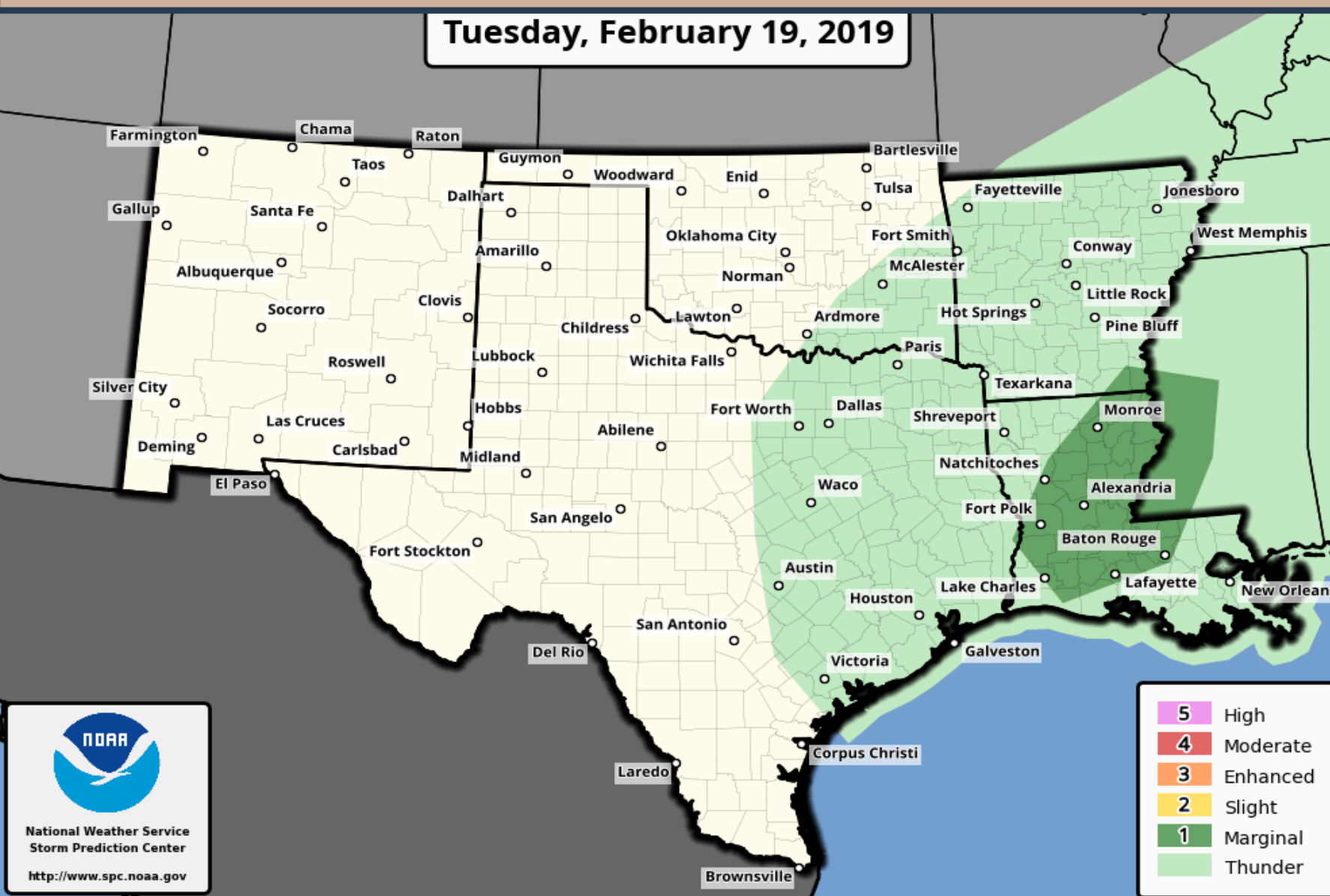
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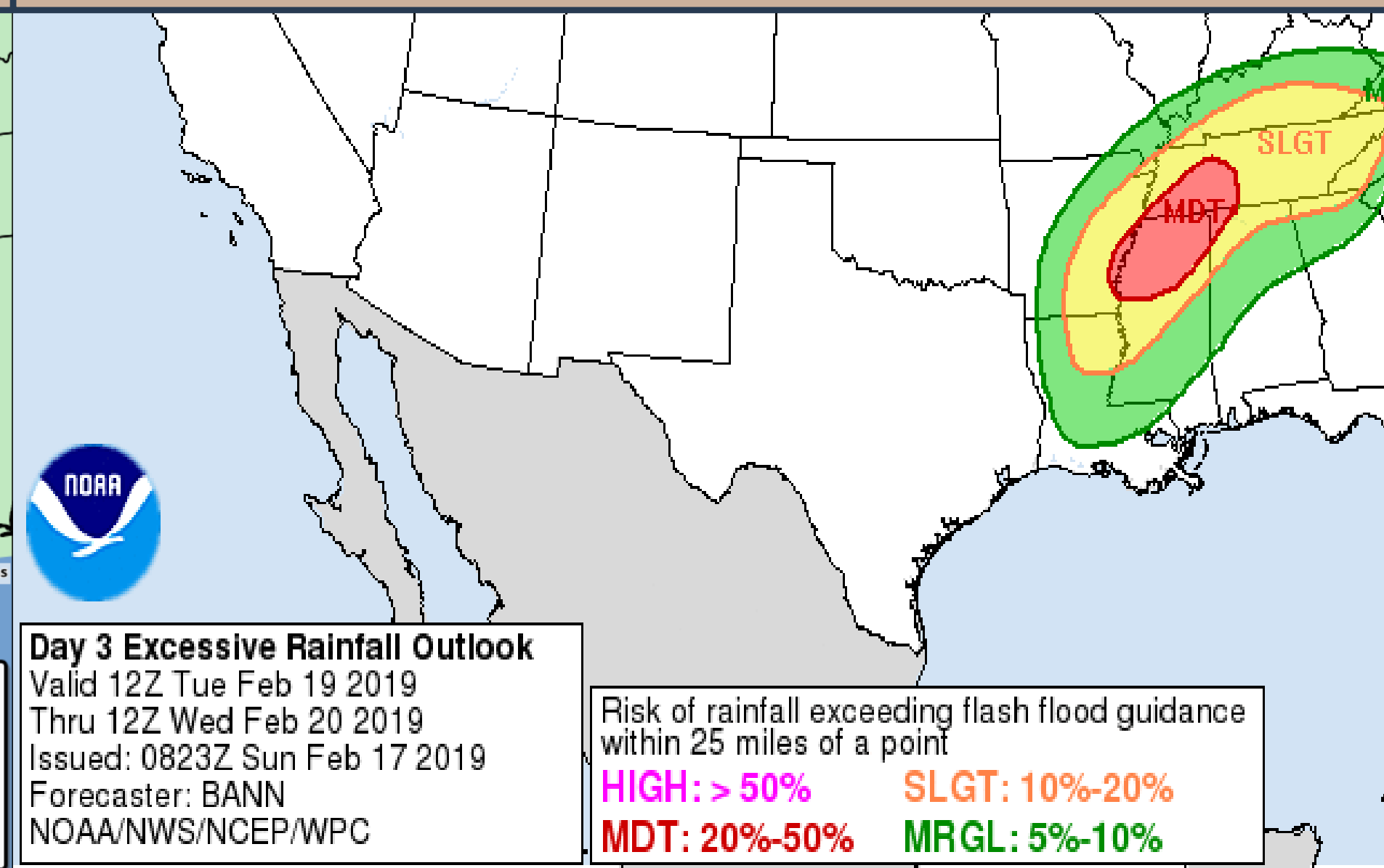
Wintry weather with travel impacts for N NM, the TX/OK Panhandles into portions of OK, NW and west-central TX, and N AR.

Heavy rain/flash flooding possible for E AR into NE LA.

Severe Weather Outlook



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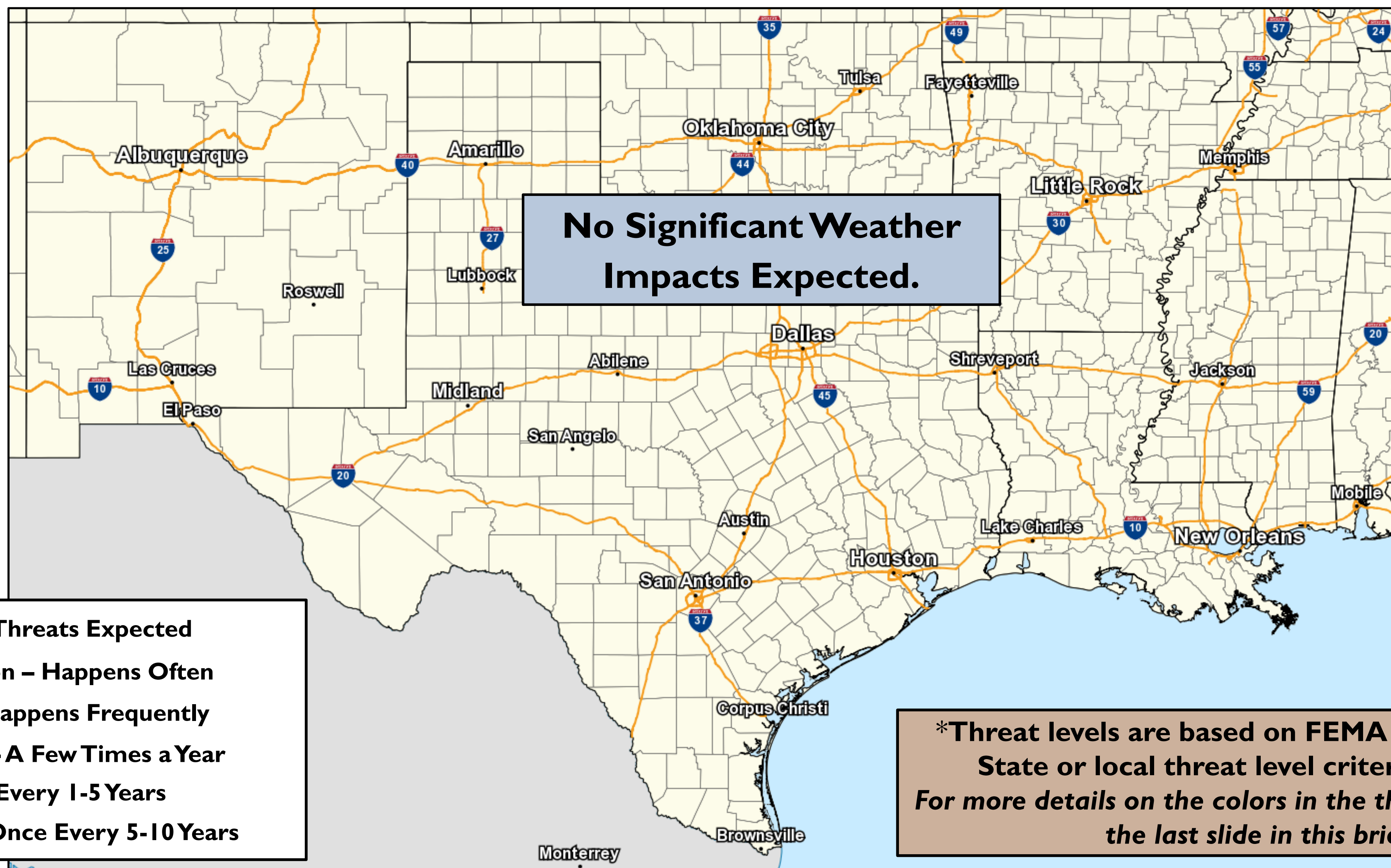


Isolated severe storms capable of damaging wind gusts and perhaps a tornado or two will be possible Tuesday night in LA into extreme SE AR.

Wednesday – Thursday



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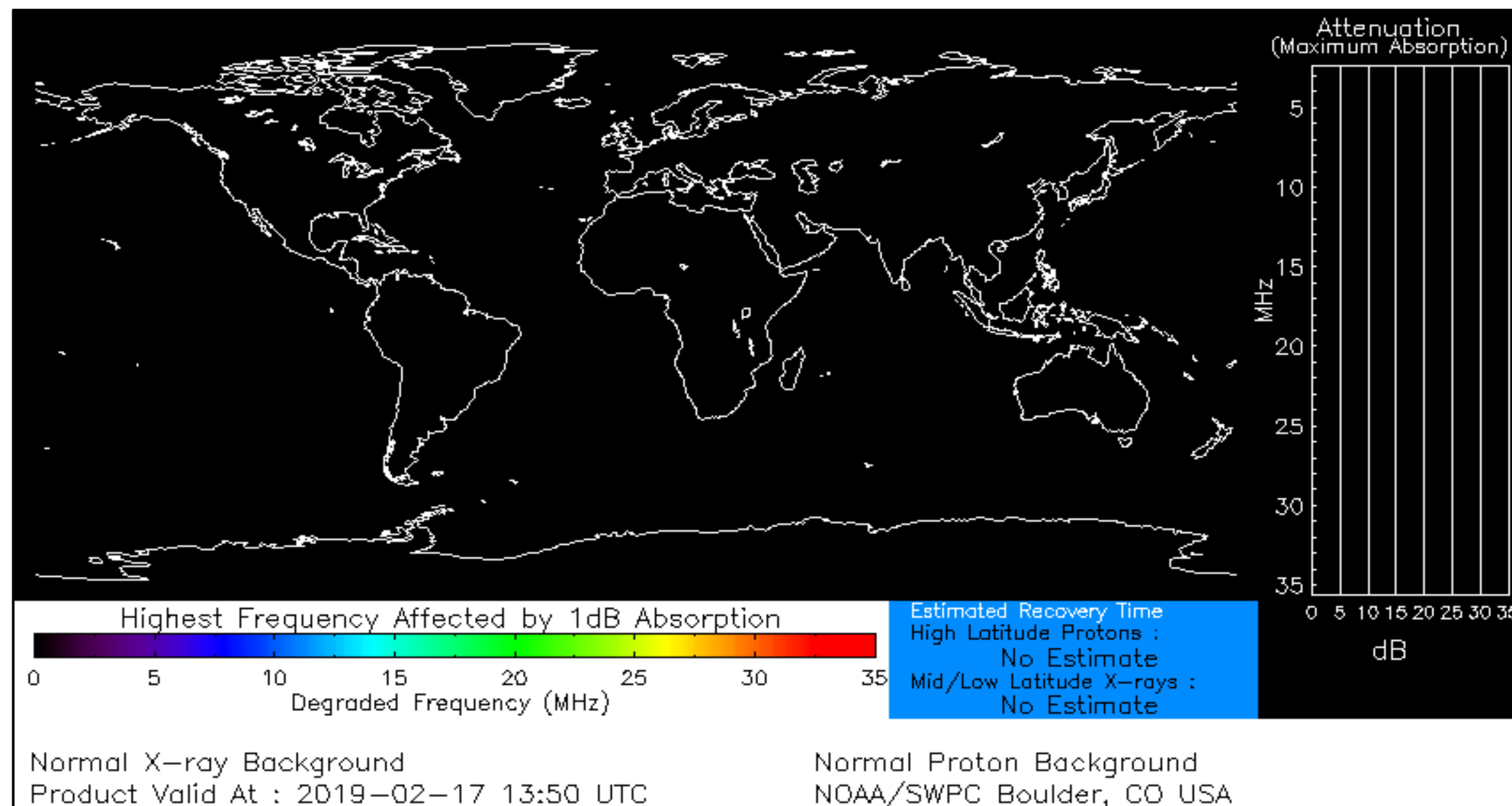
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Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Unsettled to Active (Max Kp = 4)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%



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Description of the Space
Weather Storm Scales](#)

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3-Day Space Weather
Forecast Text](#)





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Weather “Threat” Matrix			
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	Very Common Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX
Yellow	Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1” hail
Orange	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected
Red	Rare – Once every 1-5 Years Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue
Purple	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms

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